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PROGRESS OF WELFARE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether waking up to the tardy progress of various welfare schemes, the Government has initiated fortnightly meetings to ensure expenditious implementation of all programmes meant for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes to assess the progress of different schemes and roadblocks faced for their implementation;

(b) if so, whether the decision followed the realization that many schemes were lagging behind the targets as these schemes are sponsored by the Centre and implemented by the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the extent to which these frequent meetings have been able to improve the progress of welfare schemes and has helped in implementing them ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (c) The mandate of the Ministry is to work towards the educational, economic and social development of the disadvantaged sections of the society i.e. Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, persons with disabilities and Social Defence for Aged Persons and victims of substance abuse. The progress in the implementation of various welfare schemes/programmes is periodically reviewed through National/Regional meetings, periodical inspections by Central/State Government Officials and designated agencies. Further, the Ministry follows up with the State Governments and other implementing agencies for monitoring the full and proper utilization of the funds so that the fixed targets are achieved.